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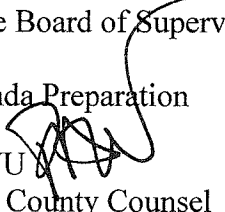
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Attention: Agenda Preparation

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RE: **Item for the Board of Supervisors' Agenda**
County Claims Board Recommendation
Edna Castro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
United States District Court Case No. CV 13-06631

Attached is the Agenda entry for the Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation regarding the above-referenced matter. Also attached is the Case Summary to be made available to the public.

It is requested that this recommendation and the Case Summary be placed on the Board of Supervisors' agenda.

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Attachments

Board Agenda

MISCELLANEOUS COMMUNICATIONS

Los Angeles County Claims Board's recommendation: Authorize settlement of the matter entitled Edna Castro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al., United States District Court Case No. CV 13-06631 in the amount of \$150,000 and instruct the Auditor-Controller to draw a warrant to implement this settlement from the Sheriff's Department's budget.

This wrongful death lawsuit concerns allegations of excessive force by Sheriff's Deputies arising from a shooting.

CASE SUMMARY

INFORMATION ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF LITIGATION

CASE NAME	Edna Castro, et al. v. County of Los Angeles, et al.
CASE NUMBER	CV 13-06631
COURT	United States District Court
DATE FILED	September 18, 2013
COUNTY DEPARTMENT	Sheriff's Department
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT AMOUNT	\$ 150,000
ATTORNEY FOR PLAINTIFF	Brian T. Dunn, Esq. The Cochran Firm
COUNTY COUNSEL ATTORNEY	Joseph A. Langton Principal Deputy County Counsel
NATURE OF CASE	<p>This is a recommendation to settle for \$150,000, the lawsuit filed by Plaintiff Edna Castro and minor children R.M. and C.M. alleging that on July 19, 2013, Sheriff's Sergeant chased their husband and father, Robert McAfee, without justification and then wrongfully shot and killed him. The Plaintiffs sued the County and Sheriff's Sergeant alleging wrongful death and federal civil rights violations based on excessive force.</p> <p>Defendants contend the Deputies' actions were reasonable under the circumstances.</p> <p>Due to the risks and uncertainties of litigation, a reasonable settlement at this time will avoid further litigation costs. Therefore, a full and final settlement of the case in the amount of \$150,000 is recommended.</p>
PAID ATTORNEY FEES, TO DATE	\$ 74,923
PAID COSTS, TO DATE	\$ 26,158